Proposal of free travel by Bonafide Students in DTC Buses

282. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to allow free travel by Delhi Transport Corporation buses in Delhi to all bonafide students on the basis of their identity cards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Statement of H. S. Sandhu, General Secretary, AISSF on Punjab

283. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of Mr. Harminder Singh Sandhu, General Secretary, All India Sikh Students Federation, reiterating an independent "Khalistan" as their goal and rejecting the Indian Constitution, declaring their intention to set up a parallel Government to the existing set up; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to tackle the threat to integrity of the nation posed by such secessionist groups ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution of India

284. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for scrapping Article 370 of Constitution of India to bring J&K at par with other States;

(b) if so, what are the details there of; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to ensure the cultural and economic development of J & K after scrapping of Article 370 ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Security of VVIPs

285. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure involved on security of Union Ministers, Prime Minister of India and Members of Parliament during the last three years;

(b) the staff involved in the security of Prime Minister of India i. e. number of staff and amount involved;

(c) the staff involved in the security of Union Ministers alongwith the amount involved; and

(d) the staff involved in security of Members of Parliament alongwith the amount involved ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) In so far as the